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TOPIC Dessau Airfield

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25X1X 1. At 3 p.m. on 15 June 1951, 13 swept-back jet fighters, 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 2 biplanes were counted on the eastern edge of Dessau airfield. Swept-back jet fighters [REDACTED] were parked near the flight control building. (1) 25X1C

25X1C 2. Between 3 and 4 p.m. on 17 June, 3 swept-back jet fighters, 1 jet fighter with fuselage step, 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 2 biplanes were parked on the eastern edge of the field. Two swept-back jet fighters with the [REDACTED] were seen next to the flight control building. 25X1C

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One jet fighter was flying and another one was seen on the eastern edge of the field. One jet fighter with a fuselage step, 4 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 2 biplanes were also parked at the field.

25X1C 4. Between 3 and 4 p.m. on 22 June, the eastern edge of the field was occupied by 7 swept-back jet fighters, 1 jet fighter with fuselage step, 4 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 2 biplanes. The swept-back jet fighters near the flight control building [REDACTED] White-bordered Soviet stars were seen on all uncovered swept-back jet fighters on days of observation.

25X1X 5. On 21 June, there was flying with swept-back jet fighters at the airfield. Between 5:18 and 5:58 p.m. six take-offs and six landings were made by aircraft with three-digit red numbers. [REDACTED] The pilots were not changed between the individual local flights. A fire truck, two tank trucks, a truck, a jeep, and an ambulance were parked at the take-off point. One starting carriage, two trucks, and one jeep were seen at the right side of the runway. Two red signal lights fired at 6 p.m. gave the signal for discontinuing flying activity. Thereafter, 2 jet fighters were parked at the flight control building. 25X1C Eight jet fighters, 4 biplanes and 2 single-engine aircraft were seen on the eastern edge of the field. [REDACTED] left the field toward Koethen.

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6. On 23 June it was observed from the eastern edge of the field that the following take-offs and landings were made by swept-back jet fighters:

Time of Take-off	Time of Landing
1:10 p.m.	1:21 p.m.
1:27 "	1:31 "
1:35 "	1:32 "
1:39 "	1:33 "
1:47 "	1:41 "
1:48 "	1:52 "
1:50 "	1:54 "



When the aircraft were flying over the field at an altitude of about 25 to 30 meters it could be observed that aircraft 103 had an unusually long cockpit in which two men were sitting in tandem. (3) The rear section of the cockpit fitted into the fuselage almost streamline shaped, whereas the standard cockpit was tortoise-shaped and mounted on the fuselage. The latter "tail" was only half as large as the number 103. When flying had stopped at 3:30 p.m., 2 swept-back jet fighters were parked near the flight control building and 3 swept-back fighters, 4 biplanes, and 2 single-engine planes were seen on the eastern edge of the field.

7. At 10:30 a.m. on 24 June the eastern edge of the field was occupied by 7 swept-back jet fighters, 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 4 biplanes, and 2 single-engine aircraft. Two swept-back jet fighters with the red numbers 16 and 138 were parked at the flight control building. There was no flying. The same aircraft were parked on the eastern edge at 6:20 p.m. on 27 June.

[REDACTED]

8. At 5:20 p.m. on 3 July, four swept-back jet fighters were flying in formation. The sky was partly cloudy with an 800-meter cloud base. The planes landed



biplanes, and 1 single-engine low-wing monoplane at the dispersal area. Maintenance work was being done on almost all aircraft. Of the swept-back jet fighters parked on the eastern edge of the field, five seemed to have a steel armor assembly, about 75 cm higher than usual. These five planes probably arrived recently since the occupation had been increased during the preceding days. (4)

9. The jet planes of the alert flight previously observed at the field were no longer there at 7:30 p.m. on 12 June. Only 2 swept-back jet fighters, 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 2 biplanes, and 2 single-engine low-wing biplanes were parked on the eastern edge of the field. All the aircraft were covered with camouflage.

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10. The following alert planes were again seen at the field on the following days:

Date

15 June 6 p.m.  
19 June 5:30 "  
22 June 6 "  
26 June 6:30 "  
29 June 5 "  
3 July 7 "

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On 3 July, [REDACTED] was parked next to the aircraft of the alert flight.

11. At 6 p.m. on 6 July, the field was more heavily occupied than on the preceding days. At least 20 aircraft, including a jet fighter with a fuselage step, 2 or 3 biplanes, and about 2 or 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were seen on the eastern edge of the field. The alert planes had the red numbers 977, 980, and 313. (5)

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